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12 September 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs OfficeSUBJECT: Invitation to Attend and Act as a National Honorary Patriot
for the Celebration Dinner of the Francis Scott Key Foundation


1. Action Requested: Accept or decline an invitation to attend a "Celebration Dinner" for the Francis Scott Key Foundation at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, Tuesday, 16 October, reception at 7:30 p.m. and seated dinner 8:30 p.m.

2. Background: Peter Ladd Gilsey, Chairman of the Honorary Committee of the Francis Scott Key Park Foundation, has invited you to attend a dinner and serve as a National Honorary Patriot of this event that is honoring the author of our National Anthem. Two years ago, a group of citizens decided to form the nonprofit Francis Scott Key Foundation. A living memorial to Key in the form of a small park in Georgetown near his original home will be dedicated to him. The park will contain a bronze bust of Key in a marble pergola, and a flag flying the original 15 Star Spangled Banner. You are not asked to give a financial contribution nor any other service as a National Honorary patriot, but to attend as their guest only.

Senator Barry Goldwater, Senator Robert Dole, Mr. Edwin Meese, former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter will attend. President Reagan and Vice President Bush may also attend along with other Senators and Representatives. Approximately 350 guests are expected to be present.

3. Recommendation: Since this is an all-American event without any political implications, you may wish to attend. Indicate your preference and have Public Affairs make the appropriate response.

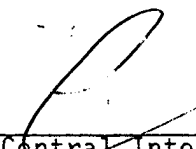
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DECLINE:



Director of Central Intelligence_____
Date

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August 25, 1984

WILLIAM JOSEPH CASEY
 Director of Central Intelligence
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Langley, VA

My dear Mr. Casey:

Perhaps no man in the history of this nation has had more daily impact on our national life and culture than Francis Scott Key, the author of our National Anthem. Every school child in America, every one of our Olympic athletes - in fact every citizen everywhere shares almost every day of his or her life, the surge of pride and affection for our great land when The Star Spangled Banner is sung, yet very little has been done to appropriately recognize the author of this inspiring masterpiece in our Capital.

Two years ago, a group of spirited citizens decided to rectify that oversight by forming the non-profit Francis Scott Key Foundation, which will hold it's first "major" Celebration Dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel on Tuesday, October 16, 1984, at which, among other things, Eddie Albert will narrate a vignette from Key's life.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you, as a respected and admired leader in our nation, to serve as a National Honorary Patriot of this event the revenue from which will be used to construct a living memorial to Key in the form of a small park in Georgetown, either on, or not far from the site of his original home. The park will contain a splendid bronze bust of Key, in a marble pergola, a lofty flag flying the original 15 Star Spangled Banner, visible day and night and a landscaped green, peaceful oasis. When the construction is completed, it will be dedicated to Francis Scott Key, for all Americans to enjoy.

No financial contribution will be required, though we hope you can attend as our guest. As time is short, please signify your acceptance of our request to use your name on the invitation by calling the office of our president, Norman Larsen, 333-8194..

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Peter Ladd Gilsey, Chairman
 Honorary Committee

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